

Deidre McCloskey



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Her major contributions have been, among others, to economic history (mainly of Britain), the rhetoric of economics, economic methodology, ethics and economics, and feminist economics.

*“Compared with other schools of economics the neoclassicals are notably butch. They are a motorcycle gang among economists, strutting about the camp with clattering matrices and rigorously fixed points, sheathed in leather, repelling affection. They are not going to like being told that they should be more feminine.[...]But even the “conservative” and Chicago-school that I espouse, which seems to me admirably masculine, is open to feminine revision”**

*“Some Consequences of a Conjective Economics.” In *Beyond Economic Man*, edited by Marianne Ferber and Julie Nelson, Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 69-93, 1993.